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National Intelligence Officers

DDI #1037-82

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : [REDACTED]
National Intelligence Officer for Warning

SUBJECT : DCI Role in Warning

1. Is there something more that I can do to aid you in making a decision on changes in the warning function and structure?

2. There are several reasons for pressing on with a decision. Among them are:

- the Strategic Warning Staff has declined by attrition to three professionals and that is considerably short of what they need to accomplish their present mission,
- the DoD I&W system continues to evolve architecture and procedure without much interaction with the CIA or the DCI warning mechanism,
- The OSD has warning initiatives developing under Ikle and Stilwell and we lack a current charter and people to work with them on matters possibly relating to your responsibilities,

[REDACTED]

3. I recommend that you make a decision soon on the issues of:

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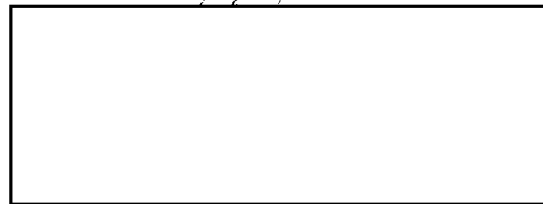
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a. the DDCI as the focal point or overseer of the national warning system,

b. designation of a senior warning officer (e.g. Chairman/NIC, DDI, or a special assistant to DCI/DDCI).

The details of the structure and procedure for the DCI role in warning can evolve, with appropriate coordination throughout the Community, after you put someone in charge. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you and other interested parties.



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